



# TALKING POINTS

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## Economic Stabilization Account

- 85% of the funds should go directly to LEAs to support educator-directed hours, small school building funds, school safety, and capital needs.
- Every LEA has needs and this money will help them meet those needs. LEAs have been told it will cost \$800M to fully implement HB84 (School Safety bill) and these funds would help with required projects.

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## Tier II Retirement

- LEAs would like to pay the required member contribution for Tier II retirement. The cap is 10% and LEAs cannot pay above 10%.
- The current Tier II contribution is 10.8% and LEAs would like to pay the additional .8%.
- Tier I employees have their entire benefit paid by LEA.
- Public Safety can currently pay above the 10% for their employees.

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## At-Risk Funding

- Increase the funding to meet the needs of at-risk students.
- This is year five of a ten-year plan to increase at-risk funding.
- More and more students are entering school with critical needs and this funding has been instrumental in helping LEAs meet their unique learning needs.

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## Halt Utah Fits All Expansion

- We strongly urge legislators to halt the expansion of the Utah Fits All program and mandate both academic and financial accountability.
- In 2007, over 62% of Utah voters voted against vouchers.
- Vouchers have not shown to improve student outcomes, and the UFA program only requires a student portfolio be submitted to the program manager for review.

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## Push Pause

- In the 2024 legislative session alone, the Utah House Education Committee and the Utah Senate Education Committee passed a total of 134 education out of committee. Many of these bills passed resulting in 62 new rules for the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) which ultimately translates into 62 new policies and procedures for local districts to implement
- With every bill passed, local districts are left with the enormous task of not only understanding but also implementing these changes.